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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The Congressional surprise of the present session has been the broaching of the Interstate Commerce regulation of freight rates, which President Roosevelt is so earnestly championing. Dull and interesting as the topic might seem to the average reader, the legislative situation, in which great personalities are pitted against each other and in which the President and Congress may become vigorously involved, make it of absorbing concern. Primarily the question is over centering in some body, probably a court of special judges, the right to say what is a fair and equitable freight rate and also to give that court the power to enforce its decisions.

A few days before the convening of Congress, one of the President's callers inquired whether there was to be much of interest during the winter in legislation that he would request. He replied that there would not be, in all probability, save one little matter. He hoped Congress would enact legislation in accord with his views on that.

"I do not want to say what that is just now," the President added, and the conversation was directed to other matters. As it would probably be treated in his then forthcoming message, at the time a confidential document, the propriety of the President's observation is to be realized.

The "little matter" that the President had in mind was the regulation of freight rates. It is needless to explain what an enormous question it is as the President himself has all along fully realized. It involves annual transactions to the extent of millions upon millions of dollars and the well ordered adjustment of countless enterprises and businesses, not to mention entire communities.

The popularity of the President's recommendations has become immediately apparent. Especially in the Western States, the people almost universally in some sections are pushing their Senators and members of Congress to "get busy" and if they fail to do so a goodly number of them will be left at home when the elections are held two years from now.

The Senate and much of the House are reluctant to enter upon such sweeping legislation as the President recommends and yet he has virtually kindled a fire under them and they must be doing something. The railroads are not necessarily hostile altogether to the recommendations, but they have some good arguments on their side and naturally, with such vast property interests involved, will insist on a very full and complete consideration of any legislation that may be pressed. Little has yet been heard of the railroad side of the propositions advanced. It is not, however, to be doubted that they will be fully heard. Nearly all the influential men in both branches of Congress have relations of a more or less close character with the railroads in their own vicinity. This holds particularly true of the Senate.

The two committees on Interstate Commerce that deal with those topics, have already been stirred up by the President's recommendations. The chairman of the Senate Committee, Mr. Elkins, of West Virginia, is himself a railroad man, who has participated in the construction of railroads and knows as much as any man in Congress about the operation of such properties. At first he counseled the President to go slow but the President preferred to follow his own opinions, with the result that Mr. Elkins, to a degree, changed his attitude but not to such an extent as to favor any legislation at this session of Congress. There have, however, been many urgent consultations at that end of the Capitol, about the regulation of freight rates. The hoary headed leaders, like Senator Allison, of Iowa, although determined that Congress shall not act hastily, are indicating that there must be preliminary action at this session, looking forward to some final legislation in the next Congress. Senator Allison, for example, is secure in his seat, but his colleague Senator Dolliver, a younger man with but brief service in the Senate thus far, is being worried seriously by the clamor of his constituents for Congress to regulate freight rates.

In his committee Senator Elkins has some very wise heads. Some of them are former governors of big states, who keep a finger constantly on the public pulse and know the political value of prompt action when a deep seated popular demand comes.

The chairman of the House Committee is Colonel "Pete" Hepburn, of Iowa, a veteran member, who has been through many a political scrimmage. He is now growing old in public honors. He is hardly more enthusiastic about hasty legislation on rates than is Senator Elkins but he and his Committee will be largely guided by the Speaker and the general sentiment of the House, just as Senator Elkins and his committee will be in the main guided by the sentiment of a little coterie of Senate leaders, who take their cue largely from the general sentiment of that branch of Congress.

The railroads are already gathering their forces for the fight and will strengthen themselves between now and next December by every possible means that can ensure no legislation that will be detrimental to their interests. It seems to be conceded pretty generally now around the Capitol that the fight must come in the next session of Congress. If so, it will be the dominating subject of that session, overshadowing tariff, economy in public expenditures, or any one of a half dozen other Congressional topics, now prominent in the public mind.

The President is distinctly the champion of the people in this matter and his championship is full of political possibilities. Should he win a decided victory, his popularity would be increased and there are now men who prophesy that his own declarations about accepting another term in 1908, would be no more than a straw against an ocean billow. But should Congress refuse to act, it might become the dominant issue of the 1906 campaign. Democrats might make it the issue. There is no telling what sort of turns the struggle so suddenly precipitated in the national forum will take.

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G G Seong and wf to W L Decoto, M; 5-8 of 20A in R P 415, kul 75 and livestock, Mahinahina, Kaanapali, Maui. \$500. B 262, p 186. Dated Dec 20, 1904.

Ching See and hsb to Manuel G Balanco, R P 6186, kul 3458, Pohakunui, Waihehu, Maui. \$350. B 263, p 28. Dated Dec 17, 1904.

Julia M Brown and hsb to R A Wadsworth, M; 1-5 int in ap 11 R P 463, 3 pcs land, bldg, furniture and 7 horses, Kamaole, Kula, Maui. \$300. B 262, p 188. Dated Dec 19, 1904.

Joseph Maunel and wf to Pakekepa (w), D; 1-2 int in R P 3483, kul 2323, Kaneohe, Koolau, Oahu. \$1. B 266, p 76. Dated Dec 21, 1904.

Emma Macfarlane (H R) to S C Allen by Trs, M; por gr 153, bldgs, etc, Punahou street, Honolulu, Oahu; 1-8 int in R P 663, por R P 7427, pc land bldgs, etc, Fort, Hotel and Pauahi streets, Honolulu, Oahu. \$19,000. B 268, p 31. Dated Dec 24, 1904.

S C Allen Est of by Trs to Emma Macfarlane, Rel; pc land bldgs, etc, Punahou street, Honolulu, Oahu; 1-9 int in R P 663, por R P 7427, pc land bldgs, etc, Fort, Hotel and Pauahi Sts, Honolulu, Oahu. \$14,000. B 259, p 97. Dated Dec 24, 1904.

Kuolokea (w) to Keamo Pakeke (w), D; por R P 7388, kul 8735 and bldg, Kapaa, N Kohala, Hawaii. \$5. B 266, p 78. Dated Dec 12, 1904.

H A Widemann to Henry Holmes, M; 1-8 int in R P 663, por R P 7427, pc land bldgs, etc, Fort, Hotel and Pauahi streets, Honolulu, Oahu. \$2000. B 268, p 37. Dated Dec 24, 1904.

A Zimmerman, et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 17 of lot 88, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 268, p 40. Dated Dec 20, 1904.

A Zimmerman et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 7 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 268, p 47. Dated Dec 24, 1903.

Takamoto Hisamatsu to S Kobayashi, Assmt; int in cane on subdiv 7 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. B 268, p 53. Dated Oct 31, 1903.

A Zimmerman et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 14 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 268, p 54. Dated Oct 24, 1903.

A Zimmerman et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 15 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 268, p 61. Dated Dec 28, 1903.

A Zimmerman et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 8 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 268, p 68. Dated Dec 19, 1903.

A Zimmerman et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 9 and 10 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 260, p 396. Dated Dec 12, 1903.

A Zimmerman et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 6 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 260, p 401. Dated Jan 9, 1904.

A Zimmerman et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 11 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 260, p 406. Dated Dec 28, 1903.

A Zimmerman et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 13 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 260, p 417. Dated Nov 23, 1903.

A Zimmerman et al to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on subdiv 12 of lot 89, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 260, p 412. Dated Nov 28, 1903.

Y Miyamoto to M Kawahara, B S; goods, wares, mdse, furniture, fixtures, 2 horses, etc, Honolulu, Ewa, Oahu. \$800. B 274, p 13. Dated Dec 13, 1904.

J M Dowsett et al Trs to Emma Macfarlane, Rel; 8-9 int in por gr 153, bldgs, etc, Punahou St, Honolulu, Oahu. \$500. B 256, p 175. Dated Dec 24, 1904.

Z Kakiha and wf to George Mandon, D; shares in hui land, Wainiha, Hanalei, Kauai. \$400. B 266, p 79. Dated Mar 17, 1904.

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Lee Chuck to Ah Chew, P A; general powers. B 274, p 13. Dated Sept 14, 1904.

G Immo et al to Hutchinson Sugar Plantn Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$1 and advs. B 267, p 59. Dated Oct 19, 1904.

K Tasaka et als to Hutchinson Sug Plantn Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$202.91 and advs. B 267, p 62. Dated Nov 1, 1904.

M Matsumura et als to Hutchinson Sug Pln Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$1726.72 and advs. B 267, p 66. Dated Sept 27, 1904.

J Imamoto et als to Hutchinson Sug Plantn Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$1047.59 and advs. B 267, p 69. Dated Nov 7, 1904.

K Sadayasu et al to Hutchinson Sug Plantn Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$1227.34 and advs. B 267, p 72. Dated Dec 14, 1904.

C Hasegawa et al to Hutchinson Sug Plantn Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$503.86 and advs. B 267, p 76. Dated Nov 1, 1904.

Y Okamura to Hutchinson Sug Plantation Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$611.03 and advs. B 267, p 79. Dated Nov 19, 1904.

G Arizumi et als to Hutchinson Sug Plantn Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$371.75 and advs. B 267, p 82. Dated Sept 24, 1904.

T Akiyama to Hutchinson Sug Plantation Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$402.30 and advs. B 267, p 85. Dated Sept 24, 1904.

A Kitagawa to Hutchinson Sugar Plantn Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$643.74 and advs. B 268, p 74. Dated Oct 19, 1904.

Kawamoto Kinjiro to Hutchinson Sug Plantn Co, C M; int in cane, etc, in agrmt. \$796.42 and advs. B 268, p 78. Dated Sept 7, 1904.

George J Campbell to Notice, Notice; appln for Reg Title of R P 8169, kul 689, King St, Honolulu, Oahu. B 274, p 15. Dated Dec 27, 1904.

Joaquin S Mello to Joao R TAVARES, Rel; leasehold, bldgs, etc. \$400. B 259, p 120. Dated Nov 19, 1904.

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B P Bishop Est of by Trs to Charles R Bishop Trust Trs of A M, mtg J F Colburn on various pcs land, Ewa and Honolulu, Oahu. \$20,000. B 262, p 191. Dated Dec 23, 1904.  
Mary J Montano and hsb (A A) to See Lin, L; int in R P 60, Manoa, Honolulu, Oahu. 8 yrs, 4 yrs free, 4 yrs at \$100 per yr. B 273, p 31. Dated Dec 13, 1904.  
Kina Kawahau and hsb to James E. Thompson, M; 1-6 int in R P 1232, kul 2145, Kaula, Honolulu, Oahu. \$130. B 262, p 192. Dated Dec 27, 1904.  
J K Hekeia to Lewers & Cooke Ltd, A M; mtg M Aholo and hsb on por R P 2469, kul 87FL, Kapaemahu, Honolulu, Oahu. \$455. B 267, p 34. Dated Dec 27, 1904.



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